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SUBJECT: USARM - CY1976 PROGRAM FUNDS

REF: A. HIRSHORN/CARLIN LETTER OF AUGUST 30, 1976

B. OUR BUDGET PROPOSAL FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A
VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER ON COLOANE, MACAU,
PER OUR OM OF 6/23/72

1. IN OUR YEAR-END REALIGNING OF CONTRACT FUNDS VERSUS EXPENDITURES
FOR CURRENT SERVICE CONTRACTS, WE HAVE FOUND OUT THAT AN UNEXPENDED
SURPLUS OF \$17,000 WILL RESULT IN IRC CONTRACT S188-FA-1182. IRC
HONG KONG HAS AGREED TO DEOBLIGATION. WE SUGGEST USING \$10,000
TOWARD THE RENOVATION OF A HOME FOR REFUGEE GIRLS IN MACAU AS
REFERRED TO IN REF. A, AND \$7,000 TOWARD PLAYGROUND FACILITIES FOR
THE SALESIAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER ON COLOANE, MACAU, BOTH FOR
INCORPORATION IN CRS CONTRACT S188-FA-1183.

2. RATIONALE SUBMITTED BY CRS TESTIFIES THAT LARGE NUMBER OF REFU-
GEE FIRLS IN MACAU ARE IN NEED OF CARE AND TRAINING, AND THIS HOME
WILL PROVIDE REHABILITATION FACILITY TO ACCOMMODATE THEM AND TO
TEACH VOCATIONAL SUBJECTS. THE OLD 2-STORY BUILDING GIVEN TO THE
GOOD SHEPHERD SISTERS FOR THIS PURPOSE BADLY NEEDS REPAIRS AND
RECONDITIONING TO START OPERATION. USARM STAFF VISITED THE BUILD-
ING IN JUNE AND WAS IMPRESSED WITH THE ZEAL AND DEDICATION OF THE
SISTERS FOR THE PROJECT WHICH WILL BE RUN WITH THE BLESSING OF THE
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MACAU DIOCESE AND THE MACAU GOVERNMENT. SINCE THEN WE HAVE BEEN

PRESSED FOR THIS FUNDING AS THEY HAVE EXHAUSTED THEIRS FOR OTHER FACILITIES IN THE HOME.

3. THE SALESIAN VOCATIONAL TRAINING CENTER, A 3-STORY BUILDING, WAS CONSTRUCTED IN 1974 UNDER CRS CONTRACT S188-FA-928 TO PROVIDE TEACHING AND BOARDING FACILITIES TO THE UNDERPRIVILEGED AND WAYWARD BOYS INCLUDING THOSE REFERRED TO THEM BY THE MACAU POLICE. A STRETCH OF 2-TIER OPEN GROUND (SUFFICIENT FOR A MINI-SOCCER FIELD AND TWO BASKETBALL COURTS) REMAINS UN-SURFACED, FENCED-OFF BETWEEN THIS BUILDING AND A 1-STORY STRUCTURE IN WHICH VOCATIONAL DAY CLASSES HAD STARTED EARLIER. USARM CHIEF VISITED THIS CENTER LAST NOVEMBER AND WAS INFORMED OF THE NEED FOR SURFACING THE GROUND AND PROVIDING PLAYGROUND FACILITIES. THE SAME JUSTIFICATION FOR OUR EARLIER CONSTRUCTION OF THIS CENTER PER REF. B HOLDS GOOD FOR OUR PRESENT PROPOSAL TO PROVIDE PLAYGROUND FACILITIES.

4. WE STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZE THE UTILIZATION OF THESE SURPLUS FUNDS IN IRC CONTRACT FOR THE TWO PROJECTS FOR THIS YEAR'S IMPLEMENTATION IN CRS CONTRACT, TO BE MADE POSSIBLE BY A DEOBLIGATION IN THE FORMER CONTRACT. WE SHALL FORWARD PROJECT JUSTIFICATIONS ONCE THESE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN APPROVED.
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